

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 325

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clifton J. Melton on the celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Clifton J. Melton will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday on March 30, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Levonia and John Melton, Clifton Melton was born and raised in Cannon County in the Short Mountain community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melton has long been a highly respected member of the Tullahoma community; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic American with a deep understanding of the honor of service, Mr. Melton joined the United States Air Force in 1952 and served with distinction for four years; and

WHEREAS, following his discharge from the military, Clifton Melton joined the staff of City View Hospital in Nashville before working for Trail Mobile, Incorporated; after many years of hard work and building his savings, he went into business with his wife, his sister, and his brother-in-law, opening the 3-Way Market in Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, turning the market into a successful family business, Clifton Melton served the various needs of the community until his retirement and the sale of the shop in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1951, Mr. Melton was joined in marriage with Bobbie Lynn Melton and the couple has treasured all of life's hills and valleys for the past fifty-six years; and

WHEREAS, a devoted believer in God, Mr. Melton has served the Christian Lighthouse Church for many years, standing as a bastion of unwavering morality and personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, as he nears this momentous occasion, Clifton Melton is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events and raising cattle on the Melton Farm; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Clifton J. Melton on the celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, offering our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.